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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

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9/30/00

FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING WATER-SOLUBLE OR WATER-SWELLABLE POLYMERIZATES WITH A VERY LOW RESIDUAL MONOMER CONTENT, PRODUCTS PRODUCED ACCORDING TO THIS METHOD AND THE USE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**SIR:**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-11.

Please add the followings claims: